

What is claimed is:

1. Lowerable vehicle roof for motor vehicles, comprising:

a rear roof part which has a rear window cutout and a rear window, the rear window being mounted for displacement between a closed position in which the rear window closes the rear window cutout and a position in which the rear window clears the rear window cutout, and

at least one front roof part, the rear roof part adjoining the front roof part and the front roof part being supported in an area of a front edge of the rear roof part to be able to pivot into a position which adjoins an underside of the rear roof part, and the roof parts being supportable on a vehicle body so as to be lowerable together into a rear receiving space of the vehicle body;

wherein the rear roof part has a dimension in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle roof which corresponds to at least twice a lengthwise dimension of the rear window, the rear roof part comprising a rear section which has the rear window cutout and a front section which forms a closed surface, and

wherein the position of the rear window which clears the rear window cutout is a forward position in which the rear window is covered with the front section of the rear roof part.

2. Lowerable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein the front roof part has a lengthwise dimension which is about equal to the lengthwise dimension of the front section of the rear roof part, and wherein the rear window cutout is rearwardly open.

3. Lowerable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 2, wherein the lengthwise dimensions of the front roof part, and the front and rear sections of the rear roof part are essentially the same.

4. Lowerable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 1, further comprising lateral guide rails located on the rear roof part, the rear window being movably supported in the lateral guide rails.

5. Lowerable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rear window is flush with an outer side of the rear roof part in said closed position, and wherein the rear window is

lowerable to below the outer side of the rear roof part and is movable forward into the open position.

6. Lowerable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein side pieces laterally border the rear roof part and are supported on the motor vehicle body to pivot around a first pivot axis which lies transversely to the longitudinal axis of the motor vehicle roof.

7. Lowerable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 6, wherein the front roof part is supported on the rear roof part to pivot around a second pivot axis which lies in an area of a joint between the front and roof parts.

8. Lowerable motor vehicle roof as claimed claim 1, further comprising an actuator drive-coupled to the rear roof part for pivoting the rear roof part.

9. Lowerable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 7, wherein the front roof part is coupled via at least one linkage to the rear roof part, the at least one linkage being adapted to automatically produce pivoting of the front roof part to the rear into contact with the rear roof part when the rear roof part is pivoted.

10. Lowerable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claims 9, wherein the linkage comprises a four-bar mechanism having a connecting rod with a roof-side end coupled to the front roof part and with a body-side end coupled to the body such that the coupling points of the connecting rod and the first pivot axis of the rear roof part and the second pivot axis form four hinge points of the four-bar mechanism.

11. Lowerable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 6, wherein the C pillars are pivotally supported essentially at a coupling point which lies between a back end and a front end thereof.

12. Lowerable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 2, wherein the receiving space has a cover is mounted to pivot around a pivot axis which is located in an area of its rear edge and

which lies transversely to the longitudinal axis of the roof, between a closed position which closes the receiving space and a pivoted-up open position which clears the receiving space, and wherein a shelf surface is fixed on a front edge of the cover, the shelf surface having a width which is at most equal to the width of the rear window cutout.

13. Lowerable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 12, wherein the shelf surface has surface elements which are laterally adjustable between a first operating position which lies under the shelf surface and an extended second operating position which laterally flushly adjoins the shelf surface and which have a horizontal projection which corresponds to a base surface of C pillars of the vehicle.